

Anthro Old England

+ Ireland, Scotland, and Wales

By Gamepopper

Anthro New England 2025

Who am I? Well, I'm...

- British
- Furry
- Furmeet & Convention Organiser
- Historian



Who am I? Well, I'm...





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Lion and Gazelle playing chess. illustrated papyrus, Deir el-Medina, Ramesside period (Image courtesy of the Trustees of the British Museum, London)

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Reynard the Fox "The Maastricht Hours", early 14th century. (The British Library)

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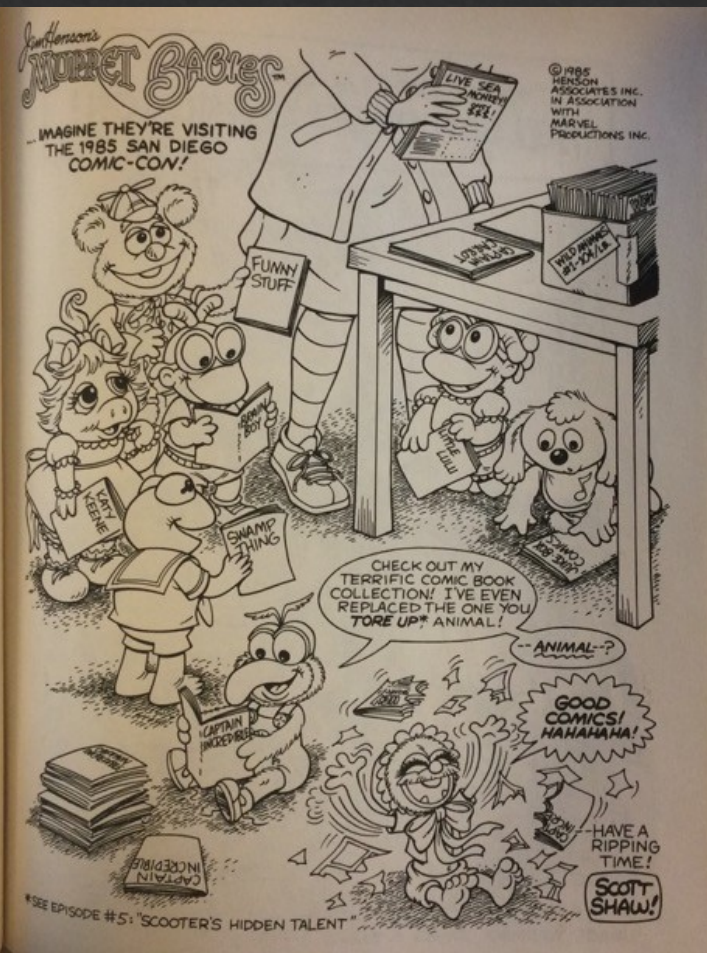


*Anthro Rabbit, Martin and Mouse
under a 13 Paw Flag defending their
liberty, patriotic Furry Art Print of
marker & pencil illustration.
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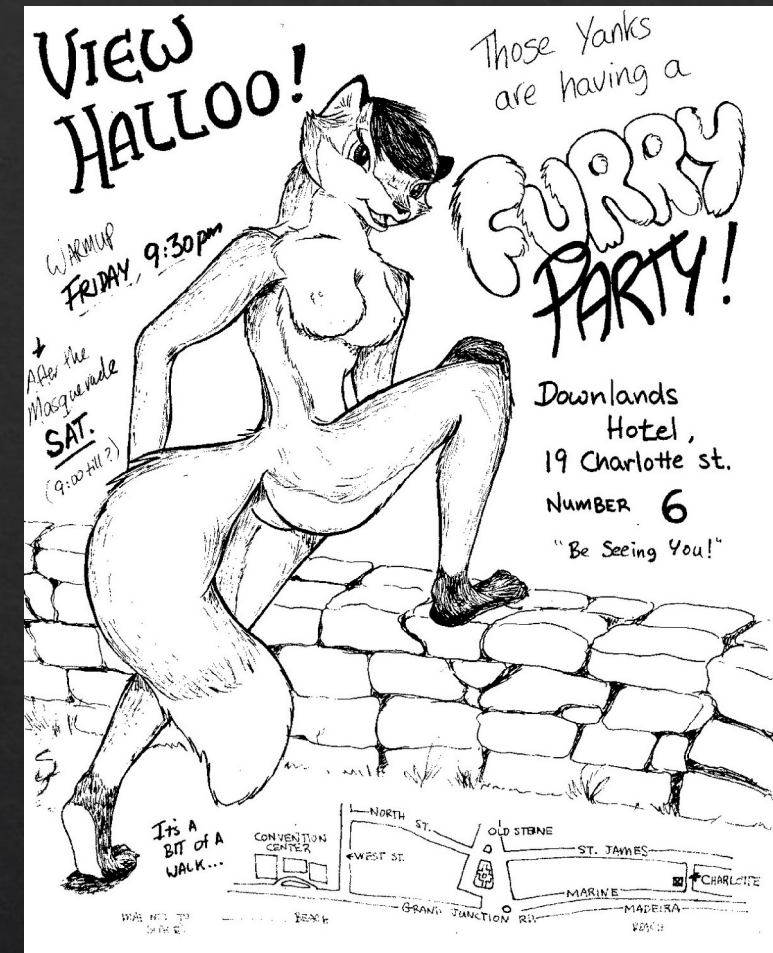
Credit: Scott Shaw

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Credit: Steve Gallaci

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Credit: Mark Merlino

1987

In the beginning...

- Convention Room Parties (i.e. LosCon, Westercon, WorldCon)
- Comic Books (i.e. Albedo, Critters, Mirage)
- Fanzines (Rowrbrazzle)
- International fans (Australia)



Credit: Steve Gallaci

Britain Discovers Furies

Two key factors led to British furry fans:

- Strong UK/US sci-fi fandom relations
- UK and Imported Comics



Credit: Simon Barber and Ian Curtis (1997)



Credit: Simon Barber

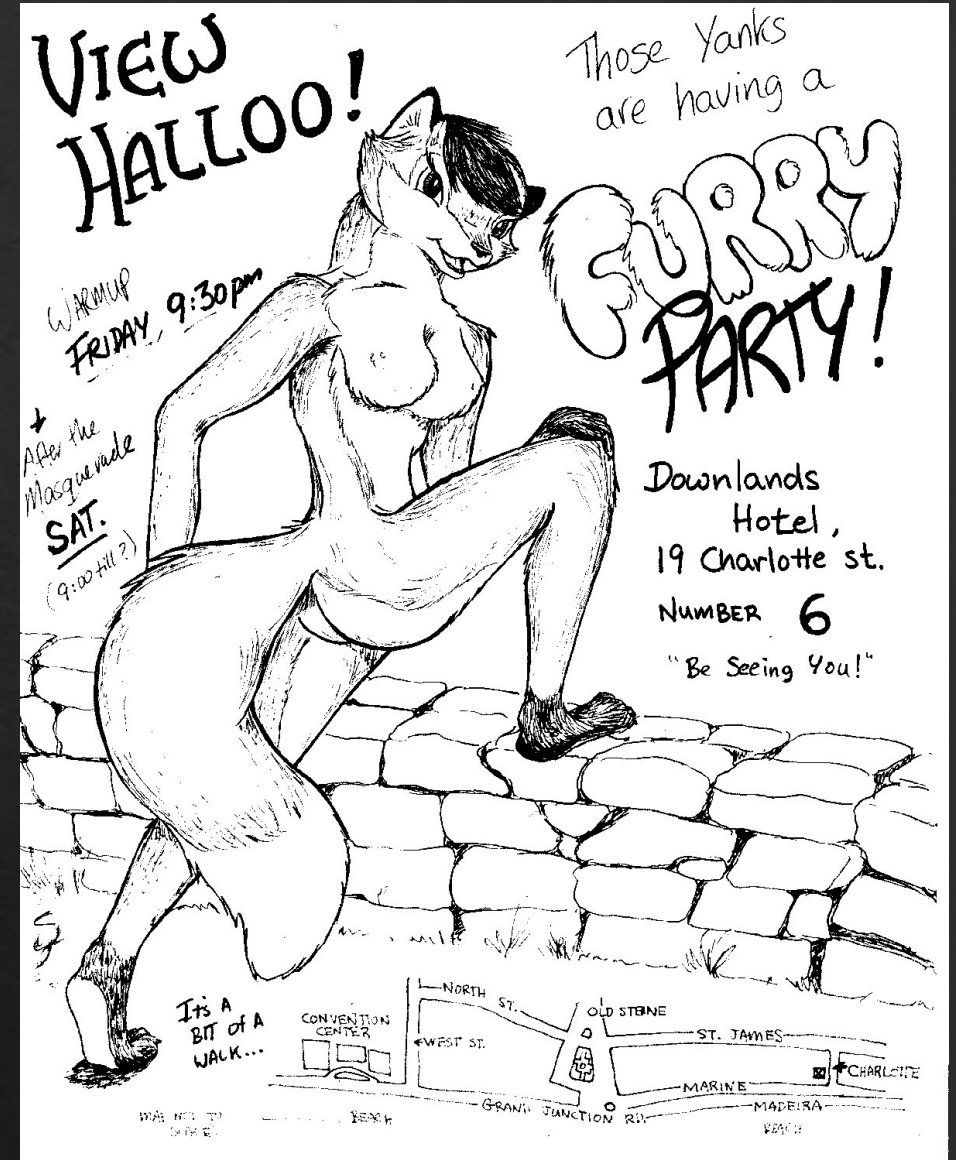
Britain Discovers Furies

The Conspiracy '87 Furry Party:

- Mark Merlino (Sysable) and Rod O'Riley (Vinson Mink) hosted furry parties at convention hotels.
- World Science Fiction Convention was being held in Brighton, UK, in 1987.
- The pair, along with Ken Sample and Andre Johnson hosted a furry party.



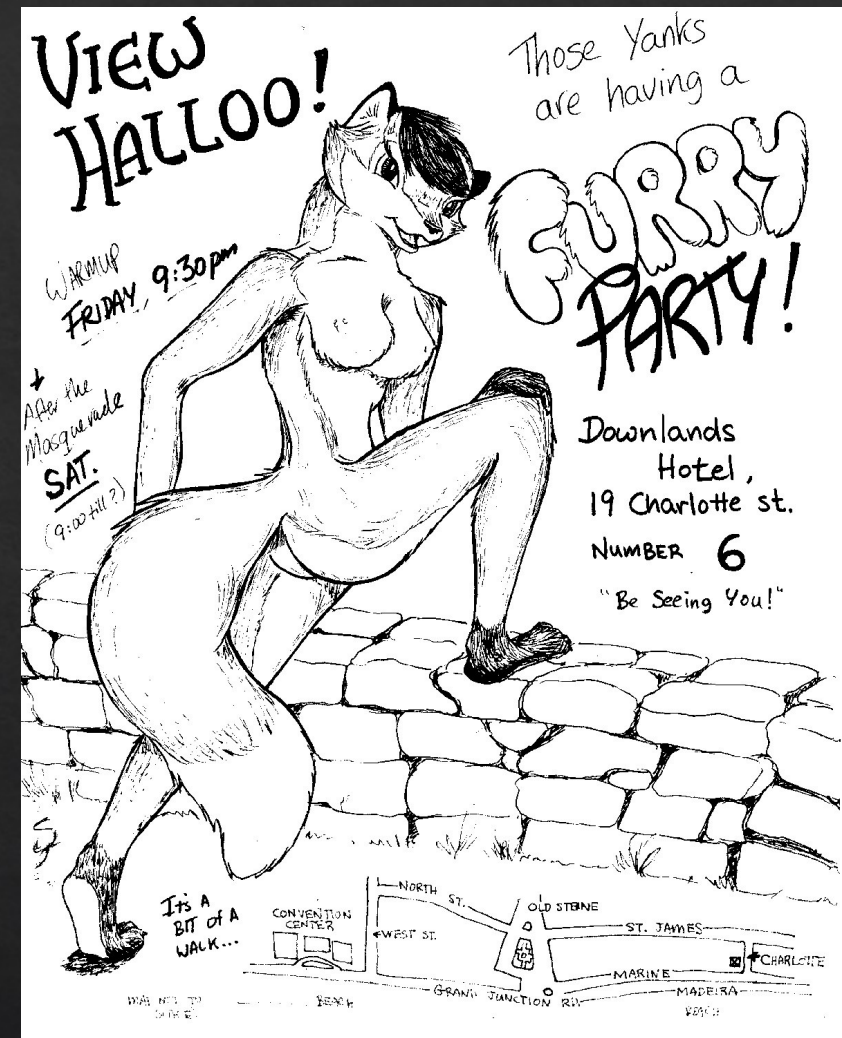
Rod O'Riley, Mark Merlino, Ken Sample, and Andre Johnson in Portmeirion (1987)



Credit: Mark Merlino



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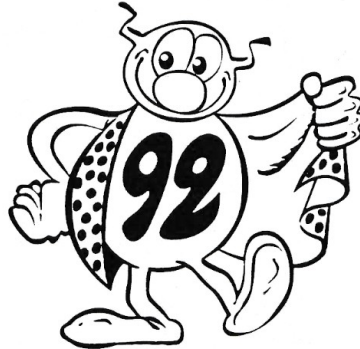
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1st British Furry Micro-Con

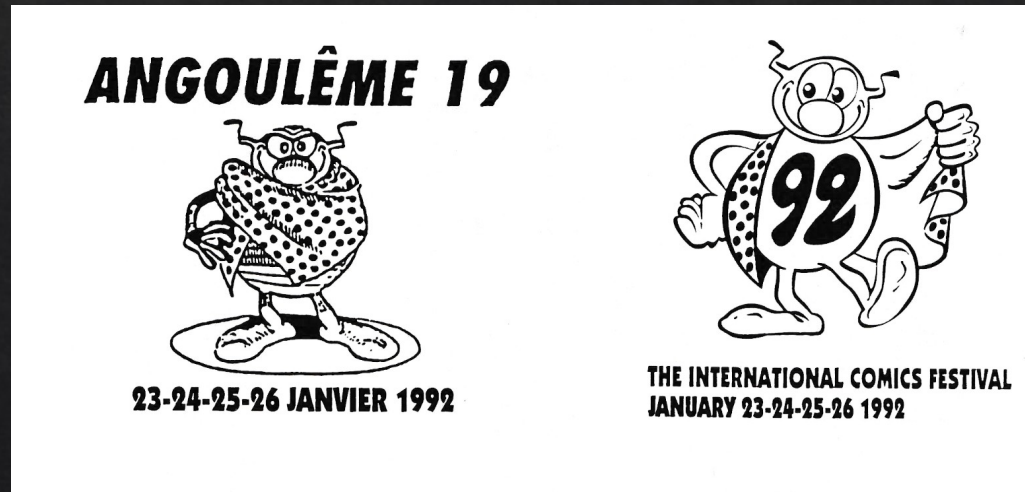
Ian Curtis' home
Datalay, Camberley, Surrey
Sat. - Sun., 1-2 February 1992



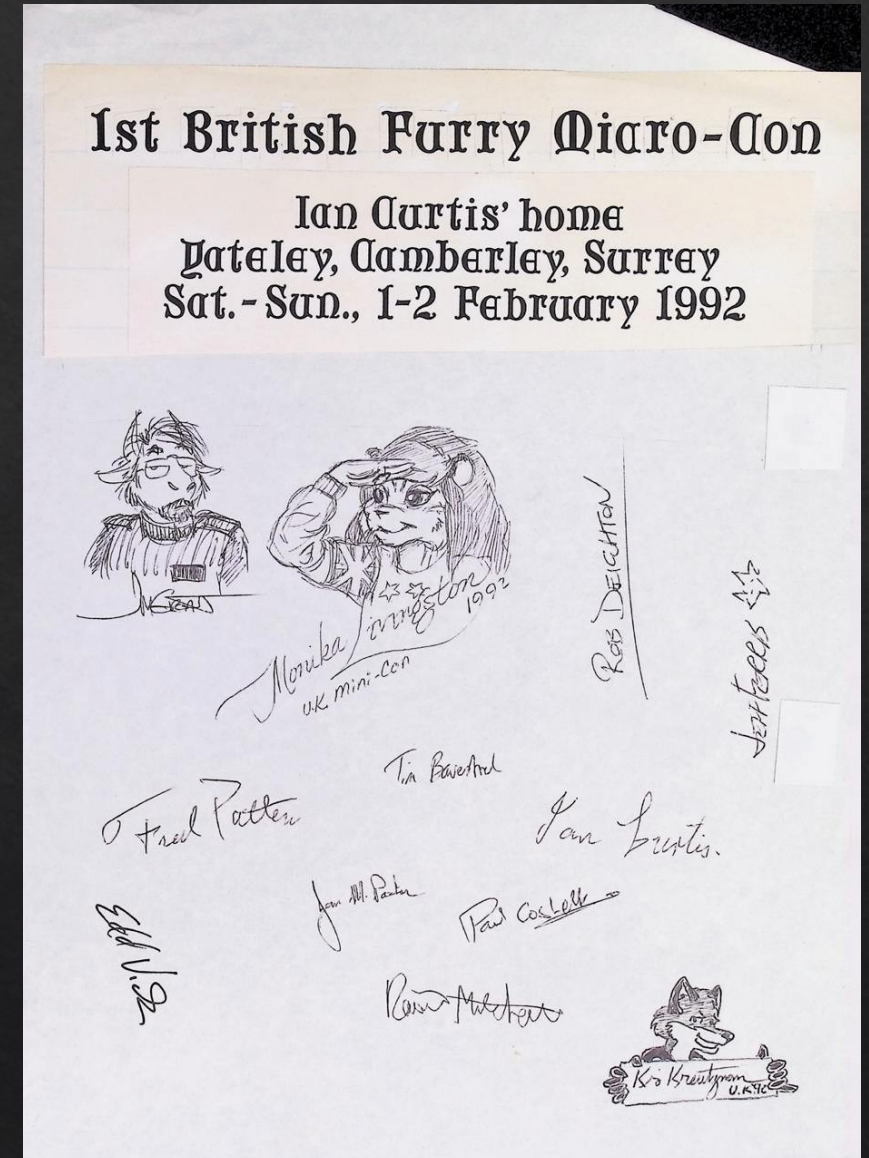
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The Yateley Housecons

- International Comics Festival, Angoulême, France.
- Monika Livingstone writes to Ian Curtis about visiting England.
- Ian Curtis organises a “housecon” for the American guests to meet some England fans.



Credit: Rowrbrazzle (1992)



Credit: Fred Patten

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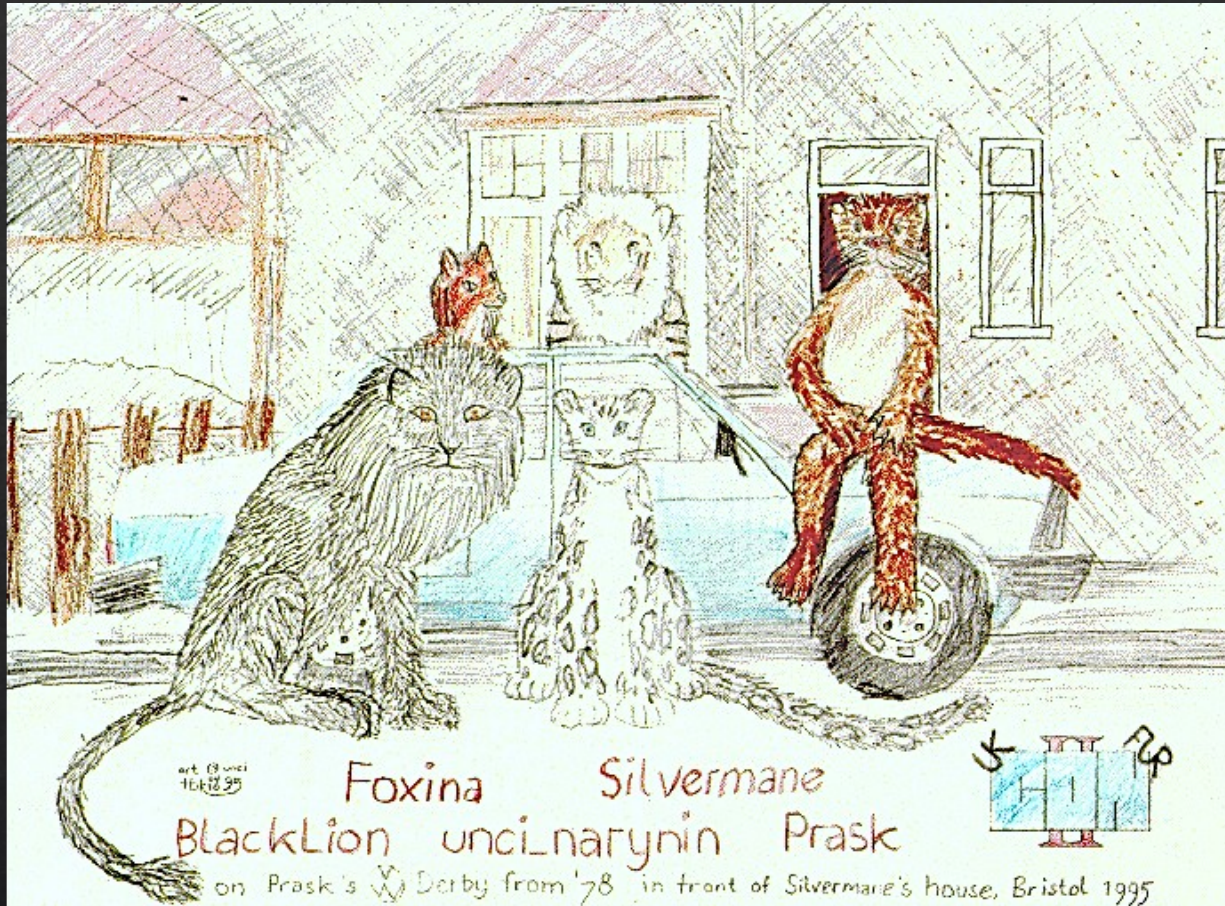
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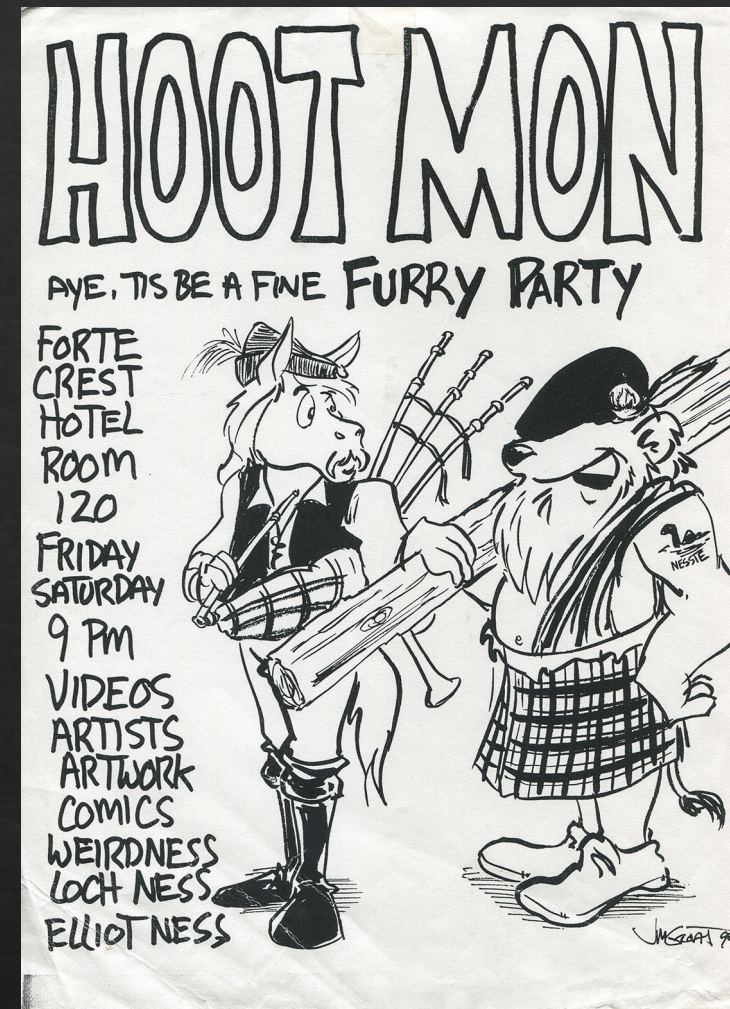
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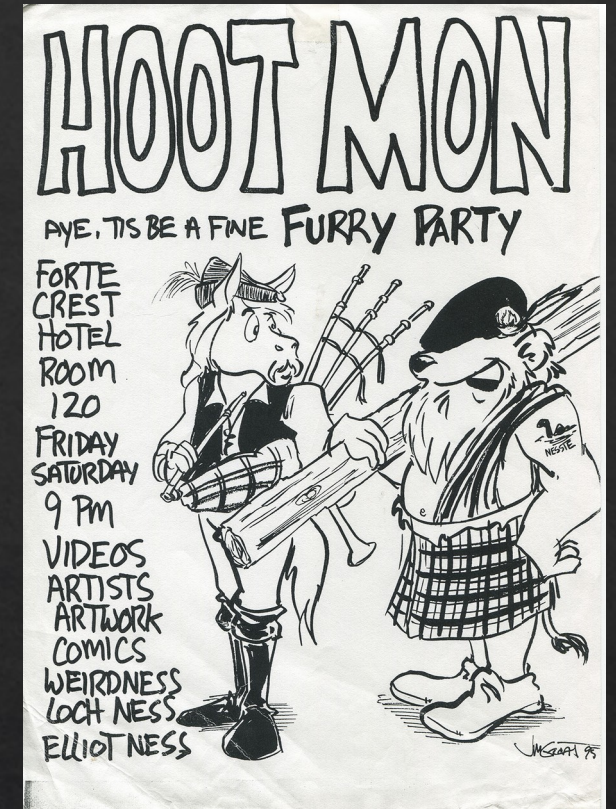
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The British Fandom begins...

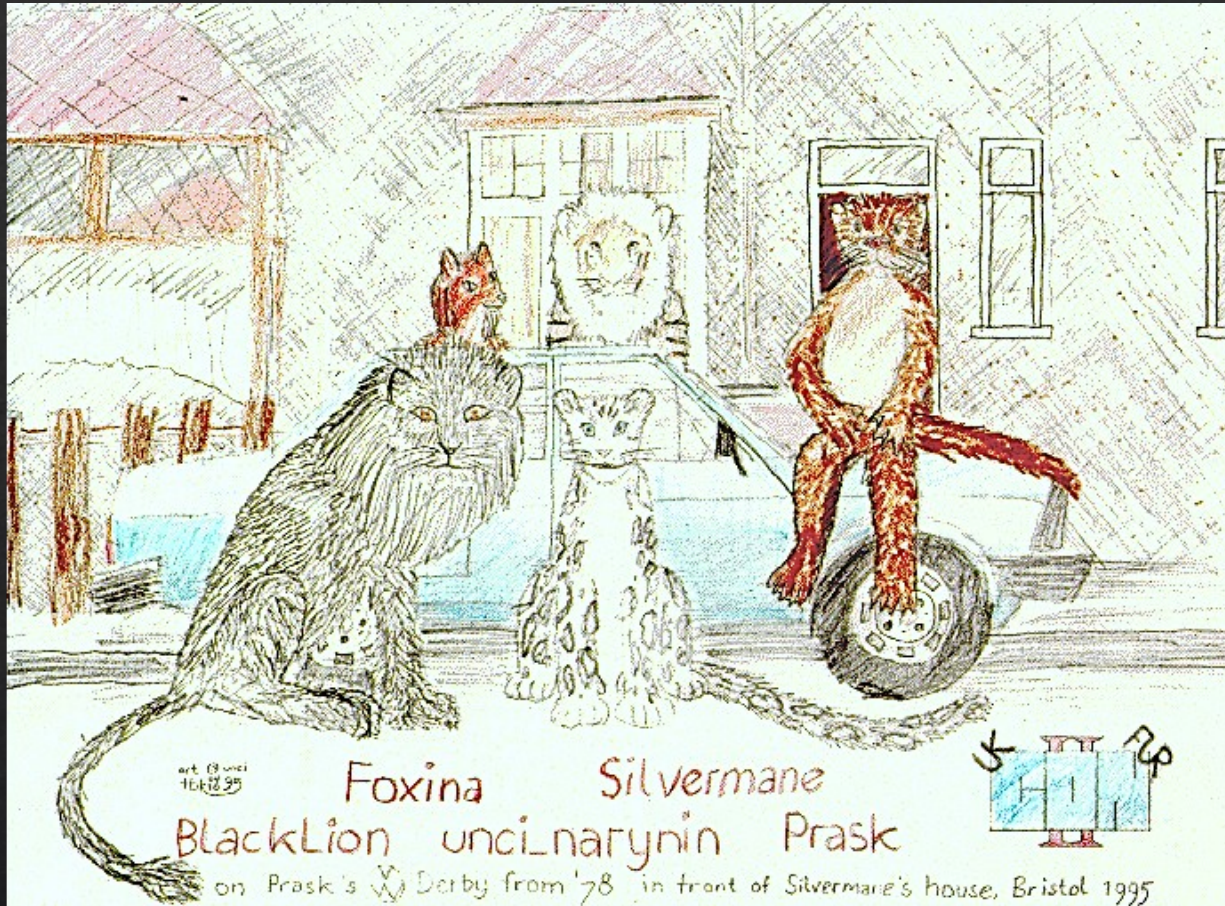
- Yateley Housecons (1992 – 2019)
- Internet and Furry MUCKs
- UK Fur Con (1994 – 1999)
- Intersection '95 Furry Party
- AnthroPoMORPHINE (1993 – 2014)
- United Publications (1993 – Present)



Credit: Foxy/Tygger



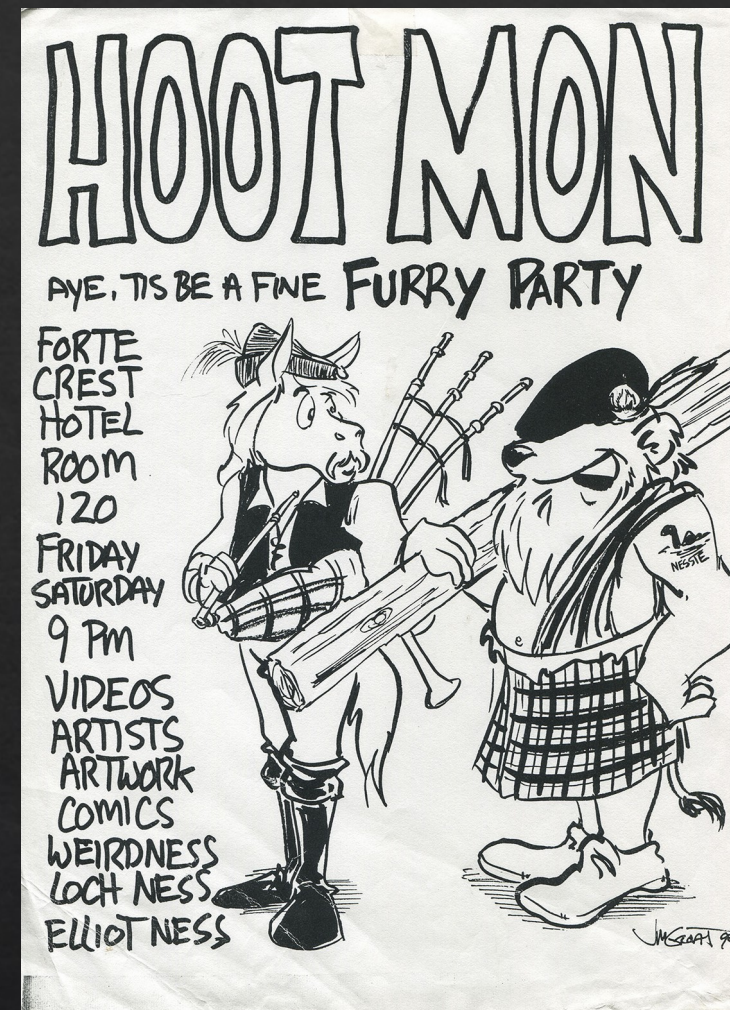
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Fish the Cat and Ia'Kat
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Credit: Vexen Crabtree

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Birmingham Furmeet (2003)
Credit: Vulpecula Fox

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The Rise of Furmeets

- LondonFurs
- Therian and Were Meets
- Regional Furry Mailing Lists
- Furmeet Location Rota



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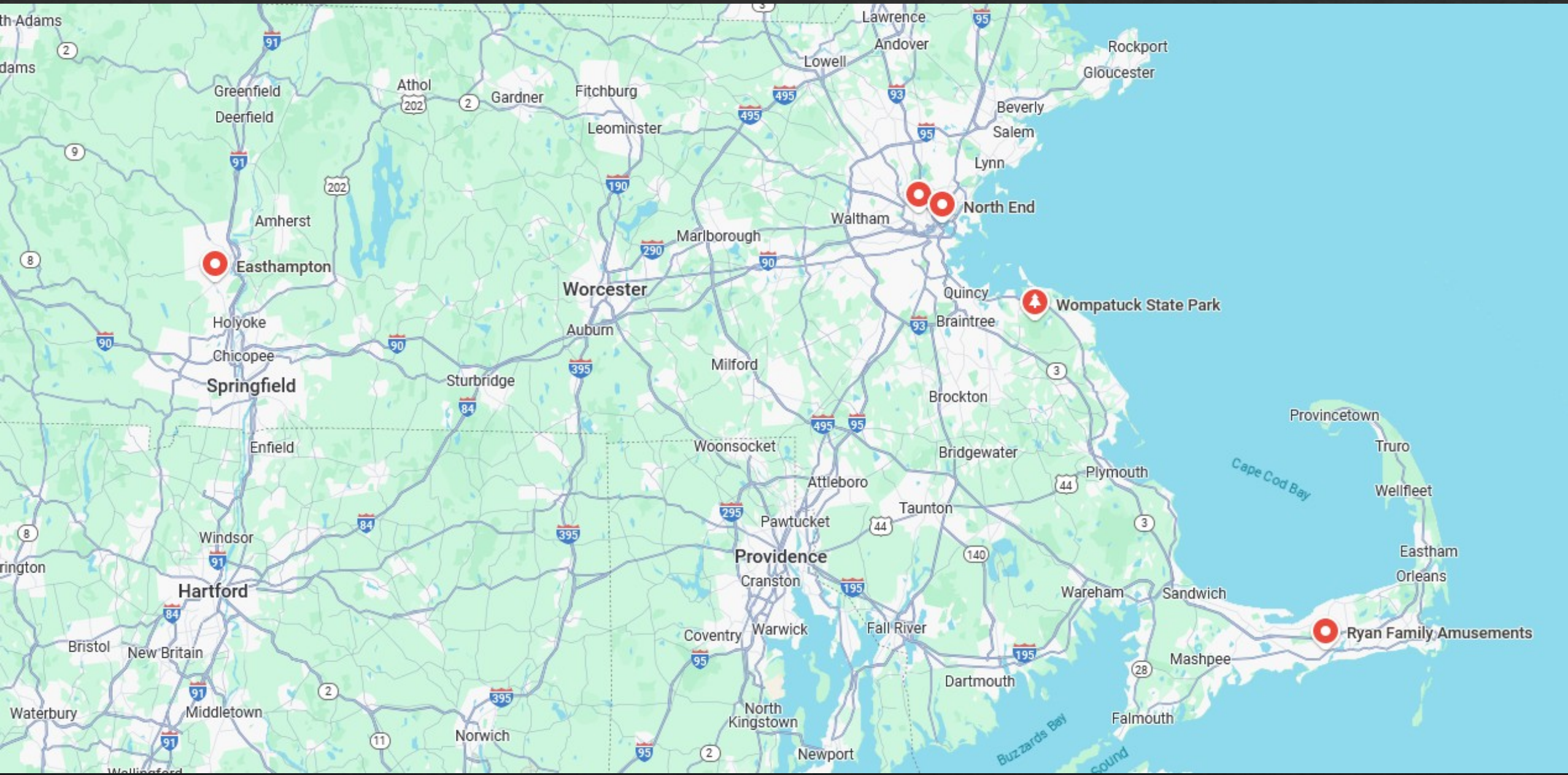


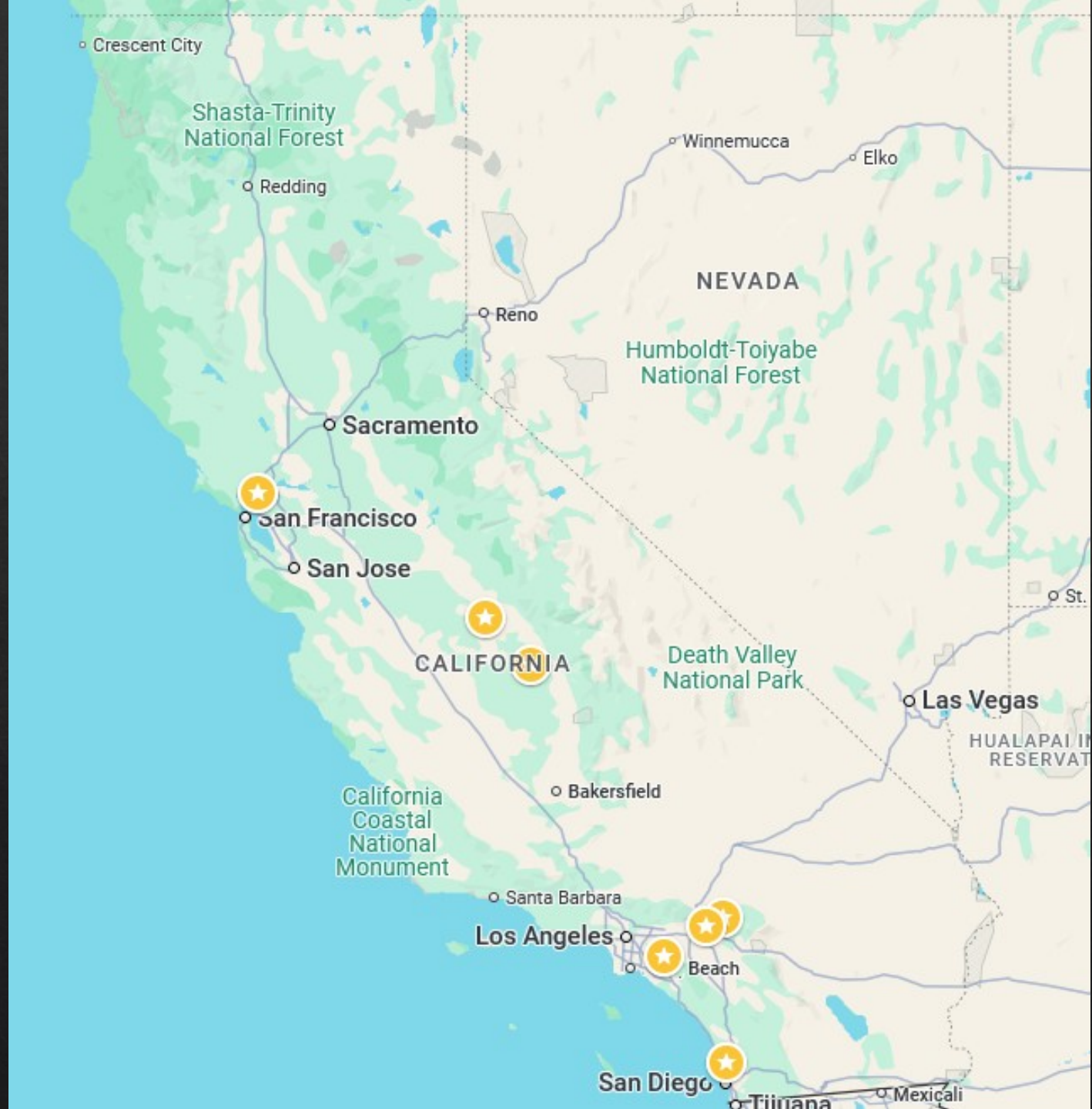
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Credit: The Fursuit Archive

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Skunki at Eurofurence 3

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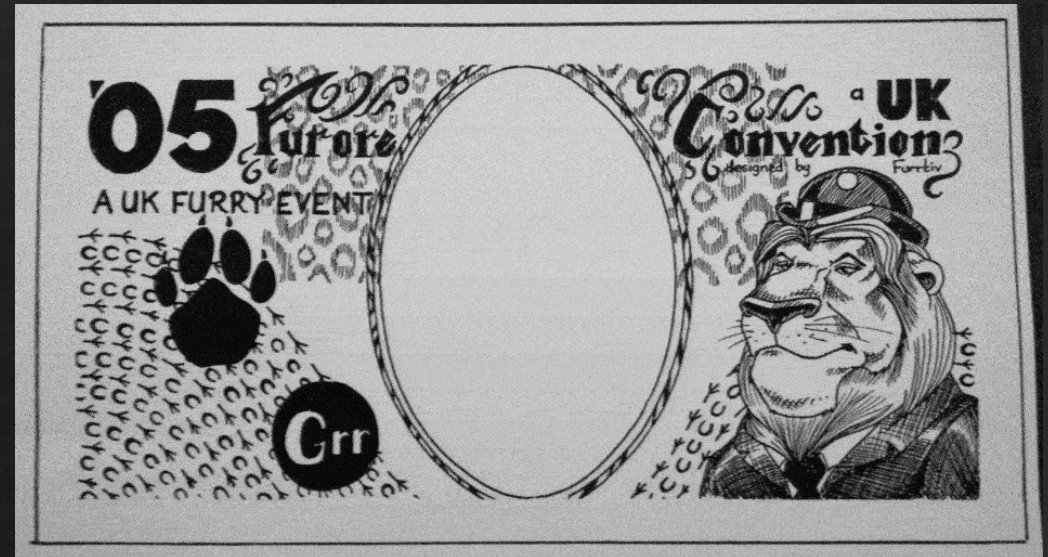


Eurofurence 4 Conbook
Cover Art
Credit: Mbala

1999

The British Furry Convention...

- Eurofurence
- BritFur (2003)
- FurConUK (2004)
- BritFur2005
- Furore (~2006)





Skunki at Eurofurence 3

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RBW 2007 Conbook Cover
Credit: UltraViolet

2007

2008



ConFuzzled 2008 Conbook
Credit: TabbieFox

2009

But they happened!



- ConFuzzled (2008 – Present)



- RBW (2008 – 2010)





ConFuzzled (est. 2008)
May – June
Birmingham
Attendance: 2881





Scotiacon (est. 2011)
February
Glasgow
Attendance: 1170





Furcation (est. 2016)
November
Dorset/Devon
Attendance: 1186

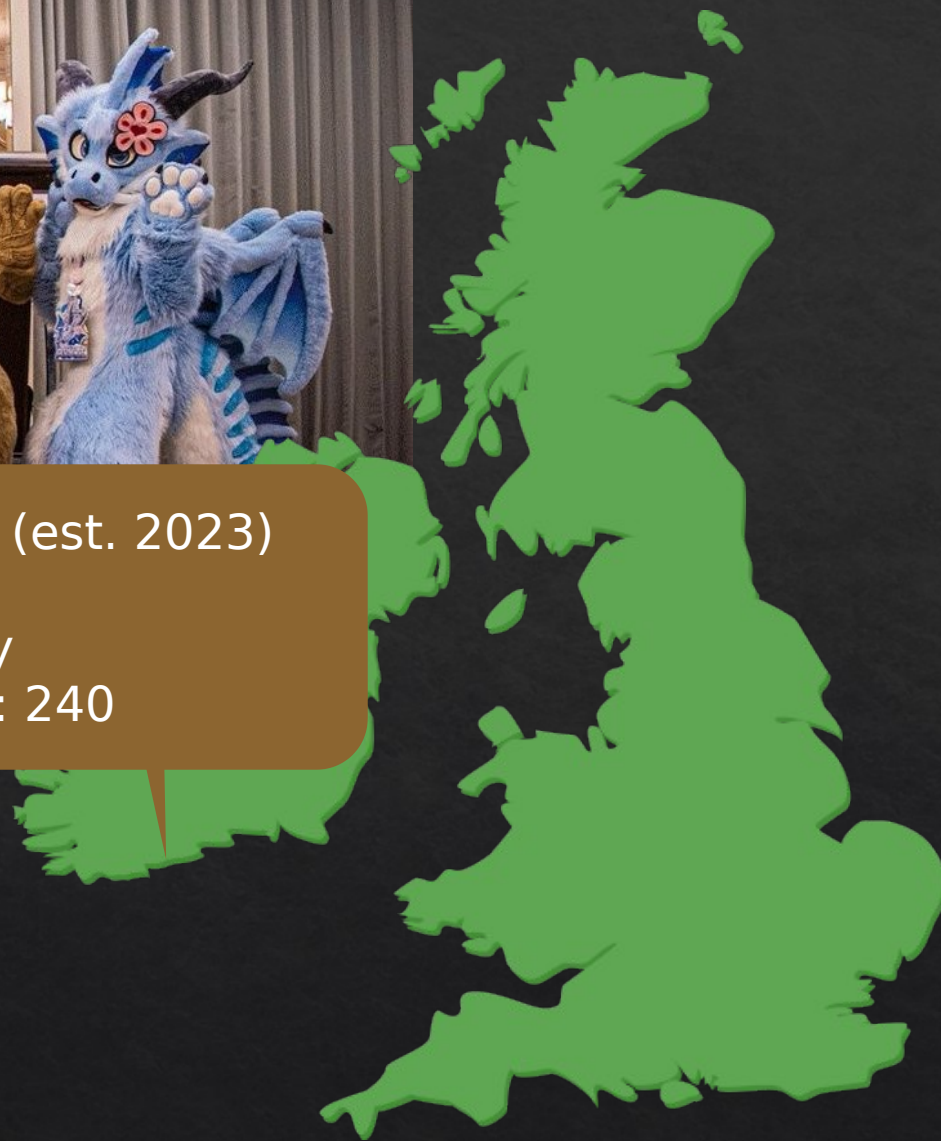


Wild North (est. 2018)
September
Northumberland/
Durham
Attendance: 60





Anthro Irish (est. 2023)
August
Cork County
Attendance: 240

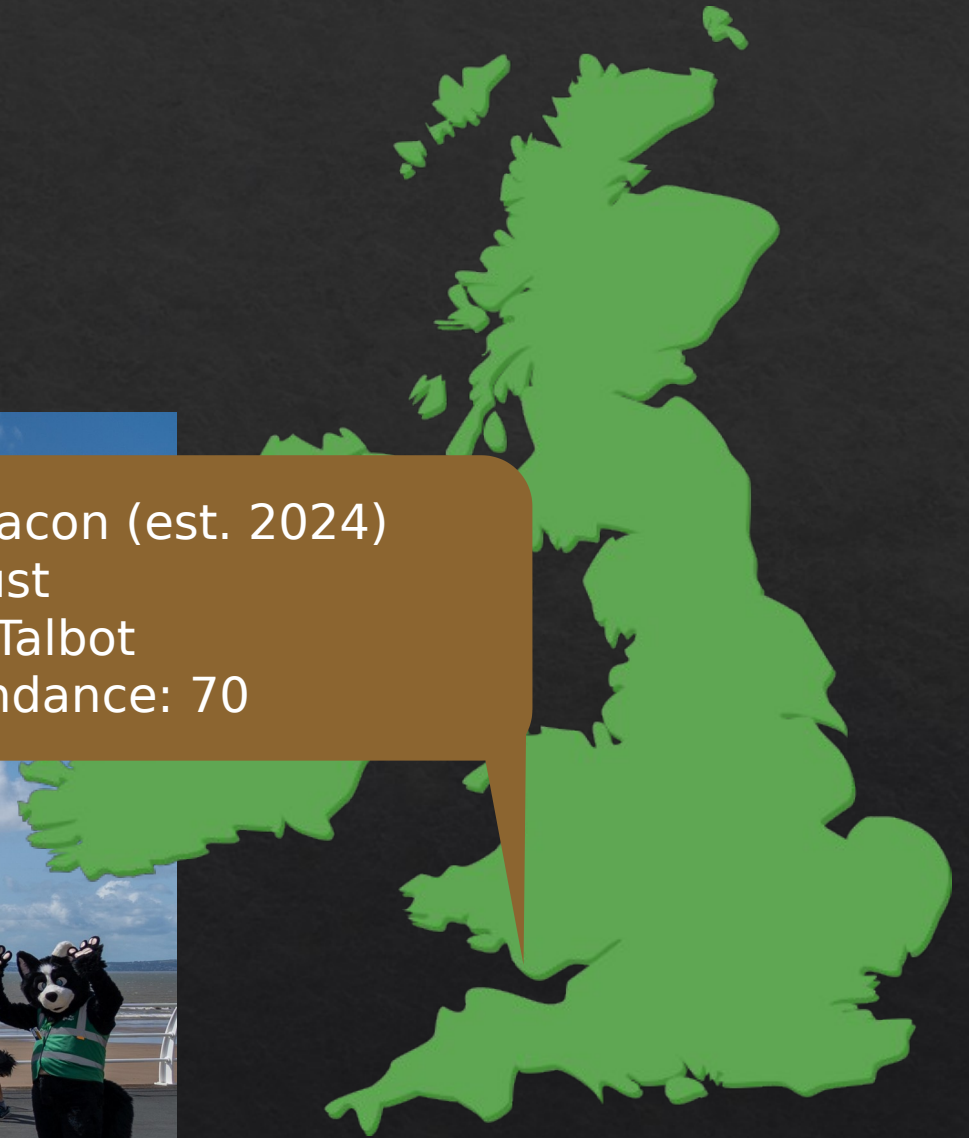


ABERACON

Aberacon (est. 2024)
August
Port Talbot
Attendance: 70



@PupRayne





Pawsome (est. 2024)
October
Gloucester
Attendance: 228



RBW 2007 Conbook Cover
Credit: UltraViolet

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ConFuzzled 2008 Conbook
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More events!



In conclusion...

- Furrries have been around the United Kingdom and Ireland longer than you think!
- There are more furmeets outside the capitals.
- We have big conventions, small conventions, unique conventions.
- Come visit us! We'd like to see you!



For more info...

For more detailed history of the UK furry scene, check out my book:



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UK&I Furmeet Map



Any questions?

